110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2917

To require the Federal Communications Commission to report on measures being taken to inform the public of the transition to digital format television broadcasting.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 28, 2007

Mr. Butterfield (for himself, Ms. Berkley, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Meeks of New York, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Mr. Lewis of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Transition Education
- 5 Accountability Report Act of 2007".
- 6 SEC. 2. REPORT REQUIRED.
- 7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Within 60 days after the
- 8 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communica-

- 1 tions Commission shall submit a report to the Committee
- 2 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
- 3 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
- 4 tation of the Senate describing the measures taken by the
- 5 Commission, the National Telecommunications and Infor-
- 6 mation Administration, and other agencies of the Federal
- 7 Government to inform the public of the transition to dig-
- 8 ital format television broadcasting and the termination of
- 9 broadcasting in analog format. Such report shall include—
- 10 (1) the measures taken directly by agencies of 11 the Government to so inform the public;
- 12 (2) the efforts undertaken to enlist the vol-
- untary efforts of programming producers, distribu-
- tors, broadcasters, cable operators, satellite carriers,
- and others in developing, distributing, and transmit-
- ting public service announcements that will so in-
- form the public; and
- 18 (3) the identity and affiliations of important
- 19 contributors to those voluntary efforts.
- 20 (b) Public Dissemination.—The Federal Commu-
- 21 nications Commission shall provide for the public dissemi-
- 22 nation of the report required by subsection (a), which shall
- 23 include—
- (1) posting of the report on the Internet
- 25 website of the Commission; and

- 1 (2) transmission of the report to the Digital
- 2 Television Transition Coalition.

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